

numbers are larger but the burden is proportioned. We don't need to fuel another chance of increased property taxes in this Chamber late on the final Friday of this session. Instead, the bill's righting of a wrong should work to help our counties hold the budgetary line of costs and they are unnecessarily burdensome. The least we can do is place that burden where it springs from, the state, and I urge your support of the override.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Marsh, followed by Senator Lynch.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you, Mr. President. It is important to remember, members of the Legislature, that we want our court system to function in the very best way possible. We do not want to have any reason for someone in a small county with very tight funds to file an incorrect charge so that this mental health decision will not be made. We want what is the best in our system. We need to override LB 1221.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. President, members, as I understand it, there are about six counties now of the 93 who are at their mill levy limit. There are another 12 that were within a few dollars of being at their mill levy limit. The scenario is, if someone comes through town, they could be psychotic, they hurt somebody, they are arraigned in that county in a state court, not a county court, that person is determined that it is necessary for them to be treated or at least analyzed and to do that it costs, in fact, thousands of dollars. That county who is already hard-pressed has to stand that expense. Makes no difference where the origin or the home of that person coming through that county that committed that crime is from. It seems to me an appropriate responsibility of the state, certainly not an appropriate responsibility of property taxpayers at the county level, and hopefully you would support this override recommendation.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Wehrbein, followed by Senator McFarland.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. Speaker and members, Senator Johnson said it very well, I simply want to say I support it, and realize that this particular issue, this particular problem is probably